London, August 9. 1697.

Yesterday Morning arrived a *Holland*-Mail,

Giving an ACCOUNT of

A Battel between some Young Men of the P. of *Conty*'s Party and the Elector of *Saxony*'s, now King of *Poland*, and the Defeat of the former: with some further Particulars of the Conclusion of a Peace.

Vienna, July 31.

GEneral *Grounsvelt* is arrived at this Court, from *Upper Hungary*, and brings Advice, That the late Rebellion there, is wholly subdued; and that the Grand Seignior arrived at *Belgrade* on the 23d. of the last Month, and hath advanced his Army in three several Bodies towards *Illock*, and seems to have a design to attack some place on the other side of the *Danube*.

Warsaw, July 28. The Abbot *Polignac* causeth the Partisans to the Prince of *Conti*, to hope, that an Express will very quickly arrive from *France*, with considerable Remittances for them. A Fight hath lately hapned here between some Young Men of this place; one Party being for the Elector of *Saxony*, and the other for the Prince of *Conti*; which Battel first began with their Fists, but was afterwards continued with Sticks and Stones; and those for the latter have been defeated: upon which the Cardinal Primate sent some Heydukes to assist them, on pretence of appeasing the Disorder, and some *Sabres* were then drawn, insomuch that many were killed on both sides, and several wounded; but those for the Elector of *Saxony* still continued the advantage, and pillaged the Houses of many of the Prince of *Conty*'s Party.

Warsaw, July 29. Many Strangers leave this place for fear of some Disturbances. The Cardinal Primate hath made an Assignment of the future Revenues of his Archbishoprick to certain Persons, who he pretends have disburst much Money on his account; but the Army hath taken care that they shall not pay these Assignees. The *French* Party pretends, that there shall be a new Election on the 26th of *August*; but 'tis very probable, that many Gentlemen will not be present there, and that this will not hinder the Crowning of the Elector of *Saxony*, which continues fixed for the 15th of *September*, by reason the Gentlemen of the late Ambassage, have sworn to stand by him with their Lives and Estates, to subdue his Enemies and Opposers. We have Advice by an Express from *Tarnowitz*, that the new King was gone from thence with 8000 Men of his Troops, and had taken the Road of *Cracow*.

Dresden, *August* 5. They write from *Tarnowitz*, that the New King of *Poland*, together with the great Ambassy, designs to go to a Cloister not far from *Cracow*, and to continue there until the time of his Coronation, upon which 'tis Reported, that our Troops must be in a readiness to March thither, and that Lieutenant General *Barkholt* is to Command them there.

Heydelberg, *August* 6. The Confederate Army under the P. of *Baden*, Marcheth now from *Gretzingen* towards the *Nechar* to Post near *Manheim*. A great quantity of Bread is Baking for them in 2 or 3 adjacent places, and a Bridge of Boats is preparing on the *Neckar*, and many *Boats* are also sent up the *Rhine* from the *Main*, whence it was presum'd, that the Confederate Army will pass the *Rhine*. The *French* continue in a posture to observe them, and General *Melac* hath Posted 3 Regiments of Horse, and 2 Regiments of Foot near *Altrip*, and hath befet the *Rhine-Schans* and all the Passes with Regulated Forces. M. *Choiseul* hath his Head Quarters at *Schrick*, and hath a *Bridge* of *Boats* ready at *Lauterburg* to March to the other side, if there be occasion.

Hague, *August* 13. The Conferences about a Peace continue, but the *French* do not seem well pleased with the Remarks the Confederates have made on their Project of Peace. All the Forreign Ministers which follow'd the King of *England* to the Camp, are return'd hither. His Majesty is now at *Loo*, but 'tis said on the arrival of the *Muscovite* Ambassy, he will return to the Army, the Czar designing to take a view of it. The advices from *Barcelona* continue to say, That the place was still defended, but that the *French* had lost many Men before it; and some advices tell us, That they Stormed the place with 12000 Men, and had lost 3 or 4000 in the Attack. The Armies in *Flanders*, continue in their former Posts.

Paris, August 9. Our last Advices from *Catalonia*, are of the 27th. past, which give an account in general, That the Siege was carried on against the City of *Barcelona*, but that the Besieged continued to defend it with great Vigour and Magnanimity. That our Forces had made several Storms upon the place, but were as often repulsed with loss. In one of them, we have lost between 4 and 500 Men; notwithstanding which, we are not without hopes of gaining the place at last. According to the report of Diserters, the Governour of the place hath sent a Letter to the Viceroy, in which he acquaints him, That the Garrison in the place was very much diminished.

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